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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Deregulation of the telephone companies, and by extension deregulation of the internet seems to be a good idea, at least on the surface
dig down, however, and it is a different story

cutting regulations will stifle competition--although at first perhaps not, I strongly feel that with deregulation the larger companies will undercut the smaller companies, and then as we have seen in other industries, once the competition has thinned, the ultimate packages that the consumer are offered will suffer as prices rise for smaller offerings

the idea that deregulating the industry so that we can get rid of stifling/intrusive regulations is a good one---I like the idea of letting the market decide what it wants, let the consumer be the ultimate arbiter of which products succeed and which don't. that said, with said deregulation the larger businesses will be able to quash the business of the smaller competitors, at which point those same companies will be then be dominant in that relationship and the american consumer will indeed lose out

please do not reverse course and eliminate stimulus to better competition re the telecom/internet/broadband business

thank you

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